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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

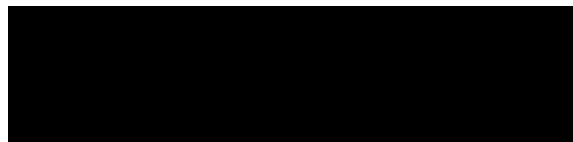
Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; 201: FCC Form 481

Dear Ms. Dortch:

ICORE Consulting, on behalf of Dunbarton Telephone Company ("the Company") hereby submits to the Commission a copy of the Company's completed Form 481¹. Certain portions of the Form 481 filing include information that is confidential in nature. Specifically, the section entitled "Rate of Return Carrier Additional Information"² should be accorded confidential treatment. Attached please find a statement of the reasons for withholding the redacted materials from public inspection pursuant to 47 CFR § 0.459.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you or any member of the Commission Staff have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Senior Vice President

¹ This filing is required to comply with 47 CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.422(c).

² The financial reports section of FCC Form 481 is identified at the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") website as "Section 3005" in the downloadable version and as "Section 3000" in the online filing version at the same USAC website. <http://www.usac.org/hc/tools/forms.aspx>. The same identical financial information is required in both. The request for confidentiality applies regardless of whether the form filled out employs the 3005 or 3000 designation.

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**CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION
IN COMPLIANCE WITH 47 C.F.R. §0459(b)**

Dunbarton Telephone Company (“Company”) is a small, privately held rural local exchange company based in New Hampshire. The Company requests confidential treatment of certain information being provided to the Commission in its 201: FCC Form 481. The information is competitively sensitive and its disclosure would have a negative competitive consequence upon the Company were it made publicly available. Such information would not ordinarily be made available to the public and should be afforded confidential treatment under 47 CFR §0.459.

Regulation	Statement of support and compliance with Confidentiality requests
47 CFR §0.459(a)(2)	ICORE Consulting, on behalf of the Company has e-filed, through ECFS, the redacted version and sent via USPS Express Mail the confidential hard copy version (original and one copy) of its 201: FCC Form 481.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(1)	The Company requests that the documentation required in the section entitled “Rate of Return Carrier Additional Information ³ , which consists of the Company’s financial reports, income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement, be accorded confidential treatment. The confidential information has been redacted from the public version with black shading.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(2)	The circumstances giving rise to the submission of this confidential information is set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313 and 47 CFR § 54.422.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(3) and §0.459(b)(4)	The information for which confidentiality is sought is financial in nature, including balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(5)	There is robust competition in the telecommunications market today, including wireless, VoIP providers, and cable television providers to name a few. Financial data such as the amount of cash on hand, amount of debt, and revenue by source are all examples of information that competitors would not receive in the normal course of business.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(6)	The financial information is disclosed only within the Company, and furthermore is only provided (1) members of senior management, or (2) those employees who require this information to perform their jobs.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(7)	The Company has not previously released this information to third parties without the execution of a non-disclosure agreement.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(8)	The Company requests that the information be held by the Commission as confidential indefinitely.

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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2018

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<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Christopher Ulmer
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	6109283903 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	culmer@icorellc.com
	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

**(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
Data Collection Form**

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? _____

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	

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<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations		FCC Form 481
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	120043NH610.pdf

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Dunbarton Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	Dunbarton Telephone Company

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form****FCC Form 481
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(5) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
Data Collection Form**

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance 120043NH1010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

<1140> Alaska Plan rate-of-return certification (yes, no, or not applicable) of compliance with approved performance plan.

Not Applicable

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

120043NH1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP www.dunbartontelephone.com

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- | | | |
|--------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <1221> | Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> | Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> | Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2017.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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CAF BLS Reporting

- (3008A) Please indicate whether new locations were deployed during the prior calendar year. (Yes/No)
- (3008B) Please enter the number of new locations deployed in the prior calendar year associated with each of the following speed tiers.
- (3008B1) Number of newly built locations with access to broadband speeds of at least 10/1 Mbps but less than 25/3 Mbps.
- (3008B2) Number of newly built locations with access to broadband speeds of 25/3 Mbps or higher.
- (3008C) Please provide the percentage of deployment across the entire study area.

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	Not Applicable - No Attachment Required	
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<div></div>
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<div></div>
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:			
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<div>120043NH3017.pdf</div>
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input type="checkbox"/>
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<div></div>

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations and provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas.

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
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5005 Alaska Plan

(5010) Do you participate in the Alaska plan? (Yes/No)

(5011) Please indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas previously served exclusively by performance-limiting satellite backhaul. (Yes/No)

(5012) If the filing carrier identified in its approved performance plans that it relies exclusively on satellite backhaul for a certain poriton of the population in its service area, indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previoius calendar year in areas that were previoiusly served exclusively by satellite backhaul. (Yes/No)

<5013>	<a>		<c>
	Description Of Backhaul Technology	Date Backhaul Available	Newly Served Locations or Population

**Certification - Reporting Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>ICORE Consulting, LLC</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	ICORE Consulting, LLC
Name of Reporting Carrier:	DUNBARTON TEL CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 07/05/2018
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Stephen Nelson
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Controller
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	6037749911 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	120043 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/16/2018
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	DUNBARTON TEL CO
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	ICORE Consulting, LLC
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 07/05/2018
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Christopher T. Ulmer
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	Sr. VP
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Attachments

As an initial point, the Company had no service outages during 2017 which met the FCC's threshold for reporting into the Network Outage Reporting System ("NORS").

The Company engages in preventative maintenance programs which help ensure network reliability in all conditions. This includes regular checks on generators, battery back-up, HVAC infrastructure at central office switches, and tree trimming/removal when trees have the potential to take down telephone lines during events of high wind or heavy snow. Access to critical infrastructure (like central office switches) is limited to essential personnel. Spare equipment is maintained in inventory.

Like most local exchange carriers, the Company's network consists of electronic switching equipment and a network of fiber optics and copper facilities. From a switching standpoint, the Company has one primary switch and smaller switches which are fed by the primary switch. These smaller switches are often referred to as intraexchange remote switches or concentrators. The largest threat to switches is the loss of power. To address this, the Company ensures adequate battery back-up is maintained. For emergency situations which extend beyond the useful life of the battery back-up, the Company uses generators to power the switches. These generators are portable which ensures they can be relocated to any switching center based on the specific needs of each switch. In addition, the Company's office will serve as a Command and Control center. This center is included as a primary location to which continuous power is required.

In cases of emergency, the Company's management has contact information for all employees. Depending upon the scope of the emergency, the Company may call-in as many employees as necessary to provide continual telecommunications service. The Company has access to local and regional construction companies which can be called in to supplement the work force if necessary. When poles are down from emergencies, the Company works with other utilities attached to the same poles to expedite the repair or replacement of the infrastructure.

In summation, the Company takes preventative measures to plan for emergency situations and also takes steps to mitigate the risk or duration of such events.

Dunbarton Telephone Company, Inc.

***2 Stark Hwy South
Dunbarton, NH 03046
(603)774-9911***

June 8, 2018

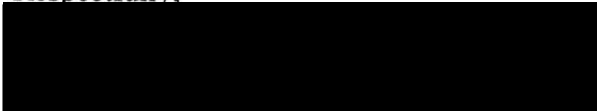
I, David P. Montgomery, President, hereby certify that Dunbarton Telephone Company, Inc.

pricing of voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national

average urban rate for voice service as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the

Wireline Commission Bureau.

Respectfully,



David P. Montgomery
President

F. Lifeline Program

1. Lifeline is an assistance program which provides for qualifying low-income customers a monthly credit toward one residential network access line per household at the customer's principle place of residence.
2. The applicant must participate in at least one of the following assistance programs:

Medicaid
Food Stamps
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Federal Public Housing Assistance
Low Income Home Energy Assistance

The applicant must, at the time of application, certify under penalty of perjury receipt of benefits from at least one of the above assistance programs, identify the program(s) from which the customer receives assistance, and agree to notify the Company when the customer ceases to receive such assistance.

3. Eligible customers are those that meet the following criteria:
 - A. Must be receiving aid from at least one of the assistance programs listed in I.F.2. above.
 - B. Must be the billed party for the residential network access line to which the credit is to be applied.
4. The credit to the network access line provided by this program is applicable only to the monthly rate of one residential network access line at the customer's principal place of residence. The credit will equal \$2.75 or the tariffed rate for the network access line to which the credit will apply, whichever is less.

Issued: March 20, 2012

Issued By:

Effective: April 2, 2012

Title: Manager

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am currently receiving benefits from the program(s) identified and I agree to notify the telephone company when my participation in all of the program(s) identified above ends. I also acknowledge that the company may continue to monitor my eligibility in the Lifeline Telephone Assistance program and no other telephone numbers in my household receive lifeline service.

Signature

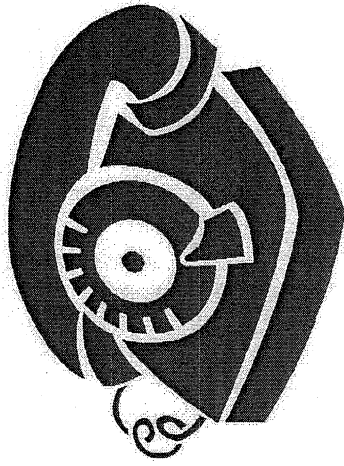
Date

Mail completed form to:

**Dunbarton Telephone Company
2 Stark Highway South
Dunbarton NH 03046**

**Dunbarton Telephone Company
Application for:**

Lifeline Telephone Assistance



Ovo je vazna informacija. Ako ne razumijete
Engleski, molim imajte ovo prevedeno za vas.

Esto es una información importante. Si no
entiende Inglés por favor consiga un traductor.

Dunbarton Telephone Company offers
Lifeline Telephone Assistance to qualified
low-income residential customers at their
primary residence.

- **Lifeline Telephone Assistance**
reduces your residential telephone bill
by \$9.25 per month. This is shown as a
reduction of \$2.75 off your monthly
service charge and a credit of \$6.50
toward the FCC Line Charge.

- **Lifeline Telephone Assistance**
reductions are applied to one residential
telephone line per household.

2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines -135%

<u>Family of Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>
1	\$15,512
2	\$20,939
3	\$26,366
4	\$31,793
5	\$37,220
6	\$42,647
7	\$48,074
8	\$53,501

For Each Additional Person Add \$5,427

To qualify for **Lifeline Telephone Assistance** you must participate in one of the following programs:

- ☐ Medicaid
- ☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA or Section 8)
- ☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- ☐ Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)
- ☐ National School Lunch Free Lunch Program
- ☐ 135% of Federal Poverty Level (Refer to Table)

To apply, complete this application and mail it to the address shown at the bottom of the application section. With the application should be a copy of a verification form issued by one of the qualifying programs within the last 12 months. Copies of identification cards, check stubs, leases, entitlement letters or notices of decision are acceptable forms of verification.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Dunbarton Telephone Company at 774-9911. Questions may also be directed to the Consumers Affairs Division of the NH Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-852-3793.

Lifeline Telephone Assistance Plan

Application Form

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____

Telephone Number _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

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This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.

**OPERATING REPORT FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS**

BORROWER NAME

Dunbarton Telephone Company

(Prepared with Audited Data)

INSTRUCTIONS: Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period.
or detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.

PERIOD ENDING

December, 2017

BORROWER DESIGNATION

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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII

(Check one of the following)

☒ All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.

☐ There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report

David Montgomery

4/24/2018

DATE

PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE	BALANCE	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE	BALANCE
	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD		PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity = 70.86% of Total Assets

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

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INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2	December, 2017	

PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		

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**OPERATING REPORT FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS**

PERIOD ENDED

December, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.

PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)****CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES****2. Net Income***Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities*

3. Add: Depreciation

4. Add: Amortization

5. Other (Explain)

Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities

6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable

7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory

8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges

9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets

10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable

11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments

12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities

13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations**CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable

15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable

16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits

17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)

18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits

19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital

20. Less: Payment of Dividends

21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired

22. Other (Explain)

23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)

25. Other Long-Term Investments

26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences

27. Other (Explain)
Plant Retirements and Removal/Salvage Costs**28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities****29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash****30. Ending Cash**

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